

State Interagency Council

Standing Committee Meeting Summaries

February 25, 2015

Continuous Quality Improvement

Committee members introduced themselves and the chair provided a brief overview of the work of the SIAC in supporting Kentucky's system of care for children, youth, and young adults. The committee reviewed the one-page description of the committee and was provided an orientation to the theory and practice of Continuous Quality Improvement. The committee was lead through a SWOT analysis exercise.

The committee began exploring the idea of and ultimately decided to complete an inventory of all available data sources and contact persons in child-serving agencies and departments, as well as variables of interest, to be distributed to persons in decision-making positions. Group members expressed an interest in collecting information on any data that child-serving agencies recommends the committee review in order to better understand and address the needs of children with emotional disabilities should be included. The committee agreed to begin the process of completing the inventory and agreed to discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

Finance & Resource

Committee members introduced themselves and the agency or department that they represent. An orientation to SIAC was provided to the attendees. The committee reviewed potential responsibilities the committee may address.

The committee discussed the Financial Mapping process. The first Financial Mapping occurred in 2011 prior to Managed Care. There was a question regarding whether or not funding for updated financial mapping has been allocated. The need to review possible allocation of funds for mapping was identified. The committee would like to explore the possibility of applying for grants to cover the cost of financial mapping. The timing in which updated financial mapping should occur was explored. The committee discussed the possibility of hosting a call with Sheila Pyres and Mary Armstrong and the role of the committee in regard to updated financial mapping was explored. In conclusion of that discussion, the committee decided that an updated Financial Mapping Report should be conducted.

The committee also Explored the “unbundling” of child welfare reimbursement to providers, also known more formally as Child Welfare Financing Modernization. The committee discussed multiple elements of unbundling including what is included as part of the bundled rate and what services might be Medicaid billable. There is no time frame at this point, and the committee also discussed the importance of not compromising the system or services children are receiving and the need for services to continue as un-interrupted as possible was expressed.

Next, the committee reviewed the Design Team recommendations related to the Finance & Resource committee. It was concluded that the Recommendations were not financially specific and that any Resources shared with the Design Team would be useful to review. It was discussed that Committee members will provide child data from their agency, specifics for data will be determined at a later meeting.

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Finally, the Importance of coordination between all committees and SIAC body was expressed. Questions were asked regarding how to determine if the committee is successful. Staff explained the role and function of the committee. Committees will set their own goals, objectives, and tasks. It was determined that at the next meeting, the committee would review the Financial Mapping report that was conducted in 2011.

Service Array

Committee members introduced themselves and the chair provided a brief overview of the work of the SIAC in supporting Kentucky's system of care for children, youth, and young adults. The committee discussed its charge and decided to focus their immediate efforts on mapping out a service array for services to children. The majority of the meeting's discussion focused on how to start a service array mapping process, what to include and who to consult. The committee agreed to continue this work at the next meeting.

System Structure & Governance

Committee members introduced themselves and the chair provided a brief overview of the work of the SIAC in supporting Kentucky's system of care for children, youth, and young adults. The committee reviewed the one-page description and engaged in a discussion about shifting the Regional and Local Interagency Councils toward a second-generation model. Two draft documents were shared with the group to prompt discussion. First, a two-page document titled "A Second Generation Model for RIACs" and "yesterday" "today" and "tomorrow" flowcharts depicting the process through which children access IMPACT services from the CMHCs. Most on the committee agreed with the removal of the gatekeeping role from the RIACs/LIACs and viewed the "tomorrow" flowchart as a more efficient process. More discussion will be needed after members have time to digest the material and consider all implications. One comment that should be taken into consideration pertains to who will assume the quality control function for IMPACT as this is a role played by the RIAC in the Past. There was conversation about the importance of wraparound as an approach for children and youth with highly intensive needs. A request was made from one of the MCO representatives for education and increased awareness about the population that should receive wraparound and what distinguishes wraparound from targeted case management.

Training & Technical Assistance

Committee members introduced themselves and the chair provided a brief overview of the work of the SIAC in supporting Kentucky's system of care for children, youth, and young adults. The committee discussed the opportunity to learn more about all of the trainings being offered across the commonwealth related to children and young adults. The committee explored the idea of sharing resource, ideas, and audiences. The committee agreed to complete a "training inventory" throughout the time before the next meeting. The committee also decided to explore making recommendations on how to provide technical assistance consistently across child-serving agencies and departments.